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Kohler educator named Elementary Teacher of the Year

Lori Neurohr of Kohler Elementary School to receive \$3,000 from Herb Kohl Educational Foundation

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster announced that Lori Neurohr of Kohler Elementary School has been named the Wisconsin Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Neurohr, who lives in Sheboygan, teaches second-graders, one of whom wrote, “I jump out of bed each morning and can’t wait to get to school. We have the best teacher in the world.”

Neurohr received the award from Burmaster in a surprise ceremony at her school today. As part of the honor, Neurohr will receive a \$3,000 award from U. S. Senator Herb Kohl, through his educational foundation. This is the second year the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation has supported the Wisconsin Teacher of the Year awards. As of August, the foundation has awarded \$6.7 million to Wisconsin educators, students, and schools through Kohl Teacher Fellowships and Excellence and Initiative scholarships.

“Lori Neurohr is a teacher who is constantly searching for the best ways to help her students, then implements them with compassion and creativity,” said Burmaster. “Colleagues and parents praise her exceptional work ethic, her caring and fun-loving approach in the classroom, her leadership and collaborative spirit, and her tireless quest for new methods to help students attain success.”

“I know that the future of this state and nation rests in the hands of our students,” said Kohl. “I support our Teacher of the Year awards because they recognize the work of outstanding educators and help ensure that strong, capable, caring teachers are educating tomorrow’s leaders.”

Passionate about education and gifted with an unassuming style of leadership, Neurohr has researched and implemented a number of innovations to help students in her class, and shares that knowledge with her colleagues through presentations, committees, collaborative projects, and informal conversations. Neurohr works a remarkable number of summer and after-school hours: tutoring and

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supporting students, volunteering, and improving her classroom. Additionally, she volunteers in the community and pursues professional development to further enhance her teaching abilities. She partners readily with parents and is praised for the way she “embraces, with grace and a strong management acumen,” classes of about two dozen diverse learners, including gifted and talented youth and children with special needs.

Neurohr holds degrees from Lakeland College in Sheboygan and Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. She will be honored during Burmaster’s State of Education speech and awards ceremony Sept. 18 at the State Capitol in Madison.

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